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A.—(a) & (b) The Government understand that when the plans and estimates for the work were about to be sanctioned, the Principal of the college suggested substantial modifications in the plans. The plans and estimates are now under revision.

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Sir, it is stated that the Principal suggested substantial modifications in the plans. May I know what the nature of that suggestion was; whether he was for enlarging the building or changing the dimensions in any other way?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I am afraid I cannot answer that off-hand. But if my hon. Friend wants the information I shall certainly obtain and give it to him, as he is particularly interested in the Government Victoria College, Palghat."

Constitution of the Board for Government Technical Examinations.

* 533 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) how many members constitute at present the Board for Government Technical Examinations and who they are;

(b) what is the remuneration given to each member of the board;

(c) what are the functions of the board;

(d) whether all the members have passed the Government technical examinations;

(e) if not, whether the Government will be pleased to give the names of members who have not passed those examinations;

(f) what were the technical subjects dealt with by such members;

(g) what is the longest period of time each member has served on the board;

(h) whether the Government have been guided in constituting the board, by the consideration of giving equal chances to all persons who have passed highest grades in technical examinations both in the city and mufassal;

(i) if not, what are the reasons for the Government's action; and

(j) whether the Government will be pleased to appoint in future as members of the board only those who have passed highest grades in Government technical examinations?

A.—(a) & (g) The number is not fixed. It varies with different boards and with the number of subjects and question papers as well as the number of candidates. The names of members of boards are confidential.

(b) No remuneration is paid to any person for being a member of the board.

(c) The boards help the Commissioner for Government Examinations in the conduct of the examinations by drawing up question papers, valuing answer papers and conducting oral and practical tests.

(d), (e) & (f) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 531.

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- (h) & (i) The boards are constituted by the Commissioner, and his choice of persons is not restricted to the City of Madras or to the mufassal or to those who have passed the technical examinations. He takes into account the competence of the individual and his status and experience as well as his fitness in general for appointment.
- (j) The Government are unable to accept the suggestion. It would result in young and inexperienced persons being preferred to those of rank and experience with higher attainments.

Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—"With regard to clause (a) may I know the exact reasons why the names of members of boards are kept confidential?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"For the simple reason that if they are published, candidates will find out who their examiners are."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—"Is not remuneration paid for membership and examinership?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"No remuneration is paid for being a member of the board."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—"Is no remuneration paid for, in addition to the membership of the board, setting examination papers or for correcting answer papers?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The answer exactly means what it says."

Building grants to schools.

* 534 Q.—Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the total amount that is due to managements of high schools and colleges under the building grant, equipment grant and laboratory grant; and

(b) whether the grants will be paid in full in all cases to the managements where they are due under the rules?

A.—(a) The information is given below :—

		Building grants	
		for buildings for teaching scientific subjects.	for other buildings.
		RS.	RS.
(1) Colleges (first grade)	...	35,677	2,01,400
(2) Secondary schools including second grade colleges.		80,400	5,37,313